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FYI, here are a couple of news items released after the 3<sup>rd</sup> High Level Meeting on NCDs at UNDA on Sept. 28.

FYI...I am going to be working on a short paper on all this, including the idea for an effort to enlist partners to develop an action agenda on Air Pollution and NCDs, as already exists for the other four NCD risk factors identified in the Global Action Plan for NCDs (2013-2020).

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## UN General Assembly adopts political declaration on non-communicable diseases

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The text, entitled "Time to Deliver: Accelerating our response to address NCDs for the health and well-being of present and future generations," was adopted at the General Assembly's third High-Level Meeting on Prevention and Control of NCDs....

...UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres noted in his remarks, delivered by his deputy Amina Mohammed, that NCDs are responsible for some 70 percent of deaths globally. The UN chief went on to elaborate on the economic, environmental, social aspects of the NCDs.

"The costs of NCDs are enormous -- not only to the people affected, but also to national budgets, health systems, and the global economy," according to his speech.

Also, climate change and air pollution increase the risk of NCDs, he pointed out.

Air pollution causes a quarter of adult deaths from both heart disease and stroke, while it is responsible for some 30 percent of deaths due to lung cancer, his remarks cited the

World Health Organization as saying. "The result is an alarming loss of 7 million lives prematurely each year to polluted air."

...WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus...proposed the creation of a "coalition of champions" that would spearhead a three-to-five-year commitment for the quick and intense implementation of the WHO interventions, and showcase their potential impact.

ALSO in <http://www.ip-watch.org/2018/09/28/hopes-doubts-high-adoption-un-high-level-declaration-ncds/>